

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force
Civic Center, Lower Level, Room B-8
Tuesday June 5, 2007
Minutes

- I. Roll Call:** Meeting called to order by Chancellor
Present: Chancellor, Dekle, Goldenberg, Inouye, Jackle, Provencher, Urashima (late)
Excused Absent: Arredondo, Black
City Liaison: Elaine Kuhnke
HBPD: Sgt. Dierking
OCHRC Bridges Liaison: Don Han
- II. Welcoming Remarks by Alan Chancellor, Chair**
Chancellor opened the meeting and welcomed Task Force members
- III. Public Comments:** Members of Soka Gakkai International (SGI) were in attendance. They are interested in being on the agenda for July. They want to make a presentation to the Task Force regarding Universal Human Rights month in December. Chancellor asked that they be included.
- IV. Approval of Minutes – May 6, 2006** Chancellor

Due to the absence of members who were present at the May 6 meeting, but not present at the June 5 meeting, the task force was unable to vote to accept the minutes. A motion was made by Jackle, and seconded by Inouye: To continue the approval of the May 6, 2007 minutes to the July 10, 2007, meeting. **Approved: Yes 6; No 0; Absent 3 (Arredondo, Black, Urashima)**
- V. Special Presentations:**

None
- VI. Status Reports**
1. HRTF Account balance & Master Calendar Review Kuhnke
HBHRTF balance \$4074.00; an updated calendar was handed out by Kuhnke.
2. Hate Crimes/Incidents Updates, Discussion, Follow-up Dierking
May 12 vandalism was reported to the Police Department. Graffiti was found on a downtown home and met definition of a hate crime. No information about who did it was available. Last month's incident (March 31 assault at local bar) was not filed as a hate crime by the District Attorney.
3. Orange County Human Relations (OCHRC) News/Activities Inouye
Alan Chancellor was recognized by the OCHRC for his work in Huntington Beach. The 2006 hate Crime Report was presented and handed out. It was the first time that people with disabilities appeared as a category. The ODEN Commission held a unity meeting concerning the arrest of an African American woman. The O.C. Board of Supervisors is considering organizing a Police Review Board. Members of the OCHRC met with members of the Board individually regarding this matter. The OCHRC noted the progress the City of HB has made with its Federal Heritage Month program, especially in recognizing Gay and Lesbian Heritage Month in June.

VII. Program Updates, Activities & Discussion:

1. HB High School Model School Program & Student Programming Chancellor
-Report by Don Han, Orange County Human Relations
Han presented a hand-out showing how busy the students were in May 2006. HBHS had a campus clean up day May 12th. Many non traditional students helped out and it was a great success. They may plan another clean up in the fall. Other events are in the hand-out.

2. HRTF Student Activities Black
The Education Committee will meet June 26th for an End of Year Student Recognition Reception. The entire Task Force is invited to attend. An invitation was handed out. Valley Vista now has a student representative. A Year End Report will be made at the July meeting.

3. Making Victims Whole Program Urashima
Urashima presented a hand-out proposal for updating the HBHRTF website. She said two letters had been mailed to recent victims. She has two solicitation letters drafted. Our mailing address needs to be added to the website. She plans to talk with Chief Small about meeting with civic and community groups.

4. Planning for Cultural Heritage Year Long Celebration Dekle/Arredondo
Dekle is working on the presentations for the fall. She had copies of the Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) hand-out and brochure from the presentation last night for those interested. Chancellor said they were still looking for an appropriate location for the proclamations in City Hall.

5. Friends of HRTF Event Planning Jackle
Jackle has forwarded the invite to the Student Recognition End of Year event to the Friends Group.

VIII. New Business:

1. Continued discussion of 2007 HB Reads Community Event Provencher
Provencher presented an update of HB Reads One Book. They are making good progress. They have purchased 12 copies of the book and 6 copies on CD. He asked the Task Force to fund \$325.72 for the purchase. A motion was made by Inouye and seconded by Jackle. **Approved: Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 1, Absent (Arredondo and Black)**. They hope to find donors for a set of 40 of the books for each of the high schools in HBHUSD for the opening of school in September. Reads One Book will need to have a website and hopes that it can be done by the library. Greg Mortenson is supposed to come to Huntington Beach in February but he has not set a date.

2. Chancellor introduced the fact that our next meeting would be the night before the Fourth of July which would make having a quorum problematic. A motion to reschedule the meeting to July 10 was made by Jackle and seconded by Urashima. **Approved: Yes 6, No 0, Absent – 3 (Arredondo, Black, Goldenberg)**

IX. Task Force Member Comments – Not Agendized

Adjournment to: July 10 at 6:45 pm, Lower Level, B-8